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Cabinet meetings attract full house

By JOHN BRUCE
and BILL RADUNSKY

The Simcoe Building here at Niagara College was alive with activity Nov.19 as the Ontario cabinet held its last "on the road" session of the year.

After a morning session which was closed to the public and press, the cabinet split into two groups for an afternoon session in which they received briefs from local groups and municipalities.

The first group, headed by Premier William Davis, met in the Hamilton Room. This section heard briefs from the Regional government, the city of Welland, the Niagara Grapevine Group, the Shoreline Preservation Association and the French-Canadian Association of Ontario, among others.

Minister of Culture and Recreation Robert Welch was chairman of the second group of cabinet members which met in S-211.

This group heard briefs from Niagara College, Niagara South and Lincoln County boards of education, and local "people-orientated" groups such as Right to Life and the Niagara Peace Movement.

Before Davis

The group of cabinet ministers under the leadership of Premier William Davis heard briefs on a variety of topics from local interest groups.

Perhaps the most contentious issue raised was bilingual services for the Francophones of the Niagara are. The French-Canadian Association of Onataio presented a brief to the cabinet accusing the provincial government of dragging its feet in providing adequate services for the French-speaking population of the area.

"Except for the obvious effort of the ministry of education, very little progress has been made by the Ontario Government with regard to its policy on bilingualism," the association said in its brief.

Jean Fleury, association spokesman, drew the cabinet's attention to the problems faced by unilingual Francophones in dealing with welfare agencies and courts throughout the province, and particularly in southern Ontario.

"It is a falsehood to think all Franco-Ontarians speak English fluently," he said.

The brief concluded by asking the government to have the courage, in face of inevitable oppostion, to take "productive action" on the issue.

Mrs. V.R.Moggridge, spokesman for the Shoreline Preservation Association, brought the plight of lakefront landowners to the cabinet in the most entertaining dissertaton of the afternoon.

Describing the "go-talk-to-the-province" attitude of the federal government and the "tell-us-your-problems-and-we'll-form-a-committee" cure-alls of the provincial government, Mrs. Moggridge called for increased co-ordination of the two governments' Great Lakes agencies and committees.

Mrs. Moggridge also described the problems faced by local lakefront owners who suffered damages in the Nov.14 storm.

Nobody except the mayor of Port Colborne seemed to consider the thousands of dollars damage caused during the storm a disaster, Mrs. Moggridge said.

"We in Canada apparently aren't supposed to have a disaster. We don't know what one is. At the

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...and Welch

Briefs ranged from acquisition of land for Niagara College to the political views of the North American Labour Party.

The Right to Life group of the Niagara region submitted a brief declaring opposition to present abortion laws. They felt that, although they do not blame the Ontario government for the laws allowing abortions, the government should express disapproval of them. One of their recommendations asked that abortions not be covered by OHIP.

In reply, Health Minister Frank Miller said that in this matter "we are trying to allow an individual's conscience to have freedom to operate."

"Abortions are one thing the law permits and we will stick to the law," Mr. Miller said.

The Niagara Peace Movement requested Ontario to start a foreign aid plan to which Mr. Welch replied he appreciated the sensitivity and concern of the brief but Canada is one country, not individual provinces, and since Canada does give extensive gifts, Ontario is already involved in a foreign aid program.

Several briefs were given by both the public and separate school boards. Both groups were primarily concerned with gaining and increase of funds.

Other briefs in this session included ones by: the North American Labour Party warning of an ecological holocaust within three months; Niagara Centre for Youth Care on caring for emotionally disturbed adolescents; and one by the Interested Adopted Parents group, asking that a policy of allowing adopted children access to information on their real parents be denied.

Buckle up

Premier Davis arrived at Niagara College the morning of the cabinet meeting with a pleasant greeting for reporters: "Did you wear your seat belt this morning?"

This was the morning—Nov.19—when the papers headlined the latest news from the legislature;the government had introduced legislation which will make seat belts mandatory for drivers and passengers in all Ontario vehicles Jan.1.

Gov't. looks favorably on college land grant

Premier William Davis with A.S.Manera, president of Niagara College.

Fifteen acres for hotel-food

Niagara College asked the Ontario cabinet for 15 acres of land for a future Niagara Falls campus. The government is "looking very favorably to it."

The request was part of a brief given by A.S.Manera, president of Niagara, to the cabinet at an open session held at Niagara on Nov.19.

The minister of colleges and universities, Harry Parrott said the proposal was "under consideration" with the Ministry of Transportation and Communication, which now owns the land and the college should have a response soon.

The purpose of the brief, complete with graphs, was "to present information on the educational services provided by Niagara College, the level and distribution of financial resources related to the delivery of such services and a summary of available space."

The brief ended with three recommendations — the first two in the name of all community colleges in Ontario.

The first asked that the operating grant for the 1976/77 fiscal year "be announced as soon as possible."

The purpose of this, said Mr. Manera, is that the sooner the colleges receive this information the more time they will have to prepare for the upcoming year.

The second recommendation asked, "the global source of operating funds allocated to Colleges for the 1976/77 fiscal year be determined with full consideration for the escalation of costs faced by the colleges for salaries, supplies and other commodities, as well as the dynamic and developing stage of the colleges, whose full potential is yet to be realized."

The final recommendation concerned land located off McLeod Road near the QEW, land presently owned by the Ministry of Transportation and Communication in Niagara Falls, which has been declared surplus, and requested by the Niagara College Board of Governors, be transferred to the Niagara College Board of Governors, at no cost, for the purpose of developing a Niagara Falls Campus. Such a campus has already received Approval in Principle; the use of surplus government land will result in substantial savings to the tax payers of Ontario, since land would not have to be purchased at some future date on the open market."

Mr. Manera said he was "fairly optimistic" about getting the land.

It makes good sense, he said, because the government would be supplying the money for any land bought on the open market, where

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Niagara thief strikes again

By CAROL McKNIGHT

Two more thefts at Niagara College have been reported in the last two weeks.

Gwen Moore, second year graphic arts student, had $40 taken from her wallet and her leather coat valued at $100 was stolen.

Gwen said while she played intramural games inthe gym of the MacKenzie building Thursday Nov. 13, she left both her coat and purse in the girls' changeroom.

About the same time Gwen's things were taken, Linda Morningstar, another second year graphic arts student, had $5 stolen from the back pocket of her pants.

When she finished the games, she returned to the changeroom and discovered her things had been taken. Gwen said that nothing but the money had been taken from her purse or wallet.

Sergeant Robert Clarkson of the Niagara Regional Police Welland division told the News, "We have a couple of suspects," but said until recently the police had been too tied up with other work.

"It's happening all the time, all over the city. It's not new for Niagara College," he said.

Police again warn people to take better care of their valuables.

For Cabinet

Luncheon menu featured Lobster Newburg, chicken

The meal fit for kings, well, cabinet ministers, was cooked for the Ontario provincial cabinet by Niagara College cafeteria staff.

The meal, termed a success by cafeteria manager Fred Bomers, was served to Premier Bill Davis and his ministers during the cabinet meeting at the college Nov. 19.

The food prepared by cafeteria chef John Hubeny consisted of lobster Newburg and chicken a la king on patty shells, steamed rice, vegetables and fruit tarts.

"It was a light luncheon that Myron Kukla(college information officer), requested," Mr. Bomers said. "It was a little something that the cabinet could walk out and get and eat back in the meeting room."

Mr. Bomers was asked to have the repast ready at 12:30p.m. sharp, the time the cabinet meeting was due to break. He was ready but the ministers weren't. True to political nature(unpredictability, that is), they came out to eat at 1:15.

Editorial

Seat belts and speed limits

Better start wearing seat belts and getting used to the idea of reducing speed on the highways of Ontario.

A bill is before the Ontario legislature that will force everyone to wear seat belts, coupled with a reduction in speed limits on major routes.For routes posted at 70 miles per hour, the bill will reduce them to 60 and highways posted at 60 would be reduced to 50.

The bill has a very good chance of being passed and becoming effective Jan. 1, 1976. A provincial bill, it will only affect Ontario drivers and highways.

The reason for part of the bill is obvious to anyone who has had to buy gas lately and found, once again, it took more money to fill that same gas tank.

Fuel is no longer the inexhaustible commodity everyone took for granted a few short years ago. It has become a rare prize to be hoarded and exploited by the haves to the detriment of the have-nots.

We are forced, therefore, to reduce speed limits to save this precious and all-too-easily exhaustible staple.

Since a reduction in speed is seen by many as a method of reducing highway accidents, it must have appeared a natural for getting legislation in on seat belts.

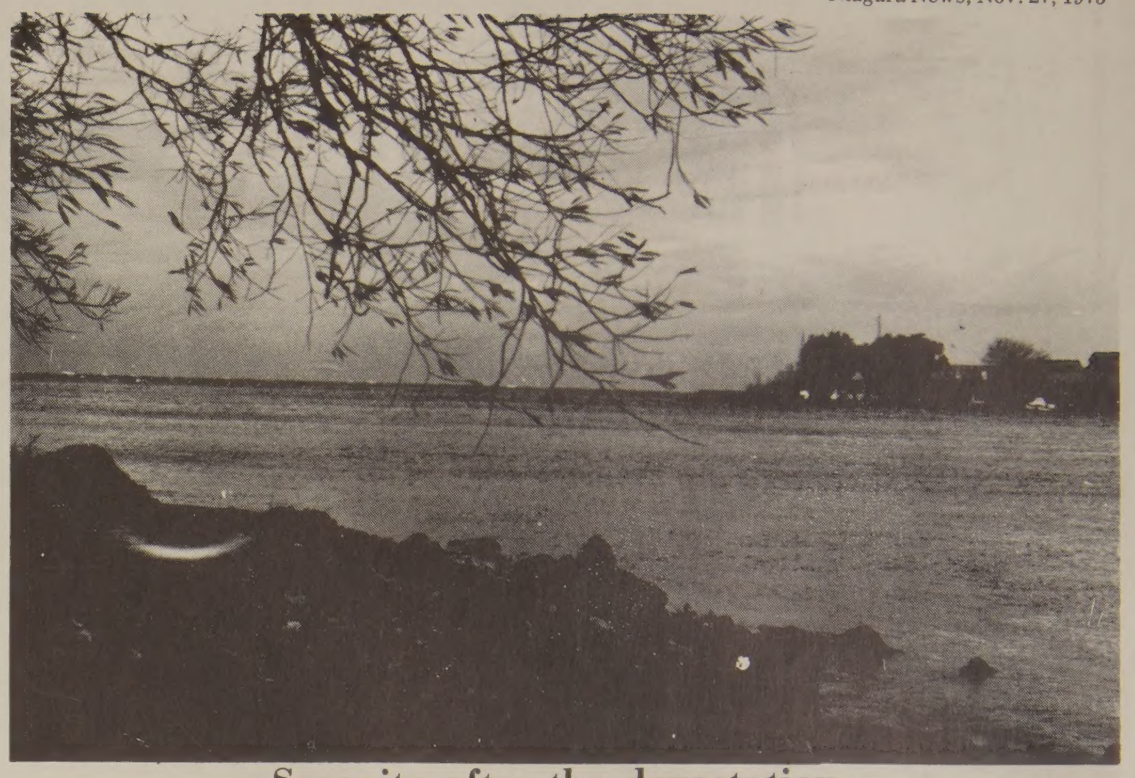
Whereas reduction of speed limits can be seen as necessity forced upon us by circumstances, having to wear seat belts allows for much more leeway in discussions.

For some, the idea of being forced to do something is repulsive at least. For them, the problem lies not so much in what they have to do but that they are forced to do it.

Others will take issue with the seat belts themselves. Are they really safer or worth the bother? Some feel the legislation on them is already late in coming.

In this case, it appears that no matter what the sentiments, this bill is destined to pass. So buckle up.

BILL RADUNSKY



Serenity after the devastation

This scene of quiet tranquility was captured by a Niagara News photographer the day after the storm which rocked the Lake Erie shoreline, causing thousands of dollars damage and ruining valuable lakefront property. (Photo by Radunsky)

Recommend study

Drinking not a problem, other drugs may be

A research study done by two Niagara College journalism graduates shows no apparent alcohol problem among adolescents in the Niagara region.But there may be a drug problem.

So says Anna Collins, who worked on the study with Christa Kirkey.Its purpose was to discover "whether or not there is an adolescent alcohol abuse problem in the Niagara region," according to the abstract submitted to the department of health and welfare. The department funded the project through its summer scholarships program.

The research was divided into two sections, the first a questionnaire administered at five high schools in the region. The 46-question paper was answered by 233 males and 201 females who were mostly in Grades 11 and 12.

The results showed many of the students had very moderate drinking habits. However, at least 10 per cent of those who completed the questionnaire admitted to having alcohol-related problems. Mrs. Collins called this "significant."

The questionnaire also determined that beer was the most popular alcoholic beverage among high school students.

The second part of the study was a questionnaire and a breathalyzer test conducted at 14 licensed premises in the region. The test was administered to adolescent volunteers.

The breathalyzer showed that about 85 per cent of the volunteers were under the legal impaired level of 0.08 milligrams of alcohol per 100 units of blood. This is not to say, however, that none of these people were impaired, as it was learned that some of those tested were under the influence of drugs other than alcohol, Mrs. Collins said.

Mrs. Collins said a study of drug and alcohol abuse together would be more useful to fully understand the problem.

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Crysler's farm the turning point

By GERALD KOCHA

November 11, 1813 is a significant date for Canadians. For on that date, an event occurred that may well have changed the course of Canadian history— a course that otherwise could have led to today's Canadian standing to attention for the Stars and Stripes rather than O Canada.

The weather that day was bad. Sleet and snow were falling on the field near Cornwall where Americans had to pass in the attack. The American dragoons opened the battle on the British right.

The British forces floundered through mud under heavy battery fire without artillery support of their own. In the first 10 minutes of fighting, 11 of 18 officers were hit.

After five hours of fierce battle, the Americans withdrew in hopeless confusion.

Thus ended the battle of Crysler's farm. No more than 800 British troops had stood off 2,000 Americans and British losses of 22 killed, 148 wounded, were less than half of the American casualties.

The battle of Crysler's farm allowed the British navy to send a flotilla down the river to Cornwall and set up proper defence lines for the winter saving Canada's vital supply lines that ran up and down the St. Lawrence every spring. Without these supplies, Canada might well have had to surrender to the Americans.

It may be said that luck was on the side of the Canadians that winter. The temperature dropped to 30 degrees below zero. Some American officers who were political appointees appropriated from the dead, swindled dying soldiers, and sold government stores for personal profit.

British intelligence, sensing a weakness, offered starving American soldiers five months' pay with guarantees that they would not have to serve against the United States if they desert.

Many did, causing the American forces morale and numbers to dwindle to the point of being dangerously under strength. This in turn led to the eventual collapse of American forces in Upper Canada causing the Americans to withdraw and saved Canada from American domination - well, for at least 100 years.

Letters to the Editor

Graphic coverage

Dear Editor:

I am a first year student of the Graphic Arts program at this college. I have been watching for news and/or interest items in this course (and there are many) in our school newspaper. To date there has been absolutely no mention of our department or the many types of work we do for the college and the community.

Although we are tucked away in the crowded and noisy hallways of the Black Walnut building, we are budding members of the third largest industry in North America.

After all, where would newspapers, advertising and society be without some form of graphic communications?

Sincerely
Craig Markham
Graphic Arts

(Ed's Note: As with any newspaper, the Niagara News can only report newsworthy items if they are brought to the attention of the city desk. If people don't tell us what is going on how are we to find out about it. The limited staff of the News this year also makes it impossible to visit every program to do stories.)

Poor choice

Dear Editor:

The following is a copy of a letter written by me to the president of the Student Administrative Council.

Dear President:

Just a note in regard to the article in the Niagara News on the poor turn-out on film night.

If I may be so bold as to suggest that you are quite probably barking up the wrong tree. It is unfortunate that only 30 people showed up to view "The Sting" on film night, but not really surprising. "The Sting" is one of the biggest box office hits of the 70s—just ask around, "Who hasn't seen The Sting?"

Perhaps you would be more successful with a W.C. Fields Festival, Groucho Marx, or even Monty Python—films that have a built-in student appeal and not over-exposed moneymakers. The money has already been made.

Sincerely
Craig Markham
Graphic Arts

OOOPS!

Ici, on ne parle pas francais.

The Niagara News regrets in its coverage of two Local Initiatives Program awards to the college in the Nov. 13 edition, a French phrase was incorrectly reproduced. The quote attributed to David Davies, chairman of human development, should have read, "The French call us 'un college des Anglais.' "

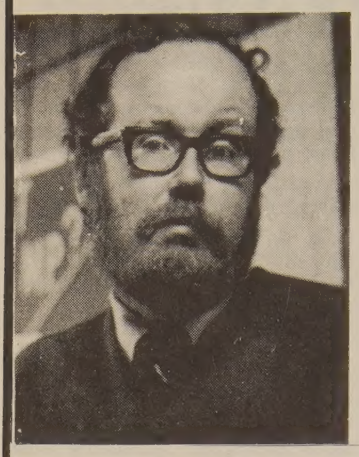
LETTERS

The Niagara News welcomes letters on any subject. Letters should be brief and direct and the editor reserves the right to edit them to conserve space. All letters must be signed, though a pseudonym may be used for publication if desired.

Roving Reporter

Question: Do you think that faculty and students should be represented on the college Board of Governors?

By JOHN BRUCE and ERIC BOWMAN



Greg Laughton

Greg Laughton, instructor, English Division: "I see no special need for it but no harm in it either. I'd prefer student reps rather than faculty."

Kathy Grist, general college, first year: "Yes, I do. They should have a say in the running of the college, especially the students."

Lynne Zubrinich

Rick Dolphin, journalism, year one: "I feel that students primarily have the right to be on the board because of the financial aspect."

Lynne Zubrinich, law and security, year one: "Yea. If a student's on it, he could come up with good ideas and stuff."

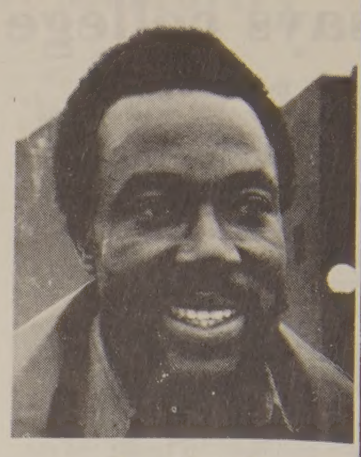
Ron Rewbury

Paul Johns, interior design instructor: "No. You need people who are out in the market who know the market's demand."

Ron Rewbury, graphic arts program co-ordinator: "I'm not opposed in principle to a place for faculty."

Paul Johns

Henry Enyenihi, human relations, year one: "Yea. It's the only way to find out what's going on."



Henry Enyenihi

Teacher on leave, off to BBC in England

Joan Davies, instructor at Niagara College's Theatre Centre, is on sabbatical and enjoying it. The college has given her the year off to go back to the theatrical world and "get back in touch."

She is working with the Carousel Players in St. Catharines. She will go to Stratford, Ont., for some time in December and plans on going to London and working with the BBC in the new year.

Apart from the enjoyment and excitement of working with a major theatre production group, though, Mrs. Davies has gone back to the theatre for this year with an important purpose in mind.

"The theatre is a unique business. It is a different kind of profession. The people in it are a special breed. Therefore, it is difficult to remain in touch. So I decided to take the year off and bring my methods up to date."

She said the students would also benefit from her sabbatical. "That's the whole idea of the sabbatical," she said. "I really think they will learn from what I have learned in this year off."

Mrs. Davies has enjoyed the sabbatical so far. Her work with the Carousel Players involves costume design for the four children's plays they will do this year.

"The Carousel Players is a pro company that works out of St. Catharines," she explained. "They put on childrens' plays throughout the region. I'm doing costumes for them this year."

Mrs. Joan Davies

The Carousel visit public schools and libraries in the area giving children's plays. Mrs. Davies is working on costumes for their latest production, "The Metric Circus," a play about Canada's switchover to the metric system.

In February of next year, she will be leaving Canada for Great Britain for a couple of months.

"I'll be working at the BBC," she said. "I hope it will be in costuming of one of their elaborate dramas. I don't know exactly what I'll be doing but I want to work with them for a while."

Before going to London, Mrs. Davies will work at the Stratford Theatre costume workshop in December. She won't be helping in the designing but the cutting and sewing of the costumes.

Damage in thousands

Storm wreaks havoc

By BILL RADUNSKY

Close to the shore of Lake Erie stands an old fieldstone house. On Nov. 10 that house moved 20 feet closer to that same shore. The cause — a storm which sent waves reported as high as 30 feet crashing against the shore.

The house belongs to David Davies, chairman, human development division, and his wife Joan, associate master, theatre arts, both of Niagara College.

Mrs. Davies, who is on sabbatical for this school year, said, "People who have lived in the area for 50 years have never seen anything like it, waves were splashing as high as the trees."

A breakwall madeup of large boulders proved to be no deterrent. Only one small fragment stands to testify that there ever really was a breakwall.

Debris, including a refrigerator and engine, could be seen littering the shoreline.

"We were afraid that some piece of debris would break through a window allowing the water which surrounded the house (about two feet deep) to flood the house," she said.

As for cleanup, Mrs. Davies said the 20 feet will have to be reclaimed and another breakwall constructed. The Davies are having a company which specializes in breakwalls come in to determine the best type for the location.

With the help of about a dozen friends, mainly from the college, and a lot of work themselves, they were able to clean up the debris and repair other damage caused by the storm.

The Davies are not optimistic that help will be forthcoming from the government.

Joan Davies speaks with a News reporter as she surveys storm damage. (Photo by Radunsky)

Archer heads study on regional gov't.

William Archer, QC, former Toronto alderman, intends to do "a thorough review" of regional government in this area.

Mr. Archer, who has been appointed commissioner to a provincial commission studying the Niagara Region government after five years in operation, visited the college Nov. 6.

Carl E. Brannan was appointed executive secretary of the commission.

Mr. Archer will be spending most of his time travelling throughout the Niagara Region hoping to get as much input as possible from local people from all walks of life for his report.

He and his commission will examine every facet of life in the area affected by regional government including local politics, revenue sharing between the regional governments and the municipalities, recreational activities and facilities and educational institutions.

Mr. Archer will present a progress report to the provincial cabinet when it meets here at Niagara Nov. 19, and hopes to have his final report ready for cabinet consideration by January 1977.

The commission has set up offices at 40 Albert St. West, Pine Street Plaza, Thorold, Ont.

Anyone wishing to contact the commission may do so by writing to the above address or by phoning (416) 227-4662 or toll-free 1-800-263-7256.

15.2 enrolment increase shown in extension courses

Niagara College extension courses show an increase of 15.3 per cent in enrolment for 1975, with 3,961 enrolled on Oct. 21 compared with 3,435 in 1974.

Business courses showed the largest increase jumping to 1,002 from 780. Applied Arts increased to 896 from 884, health sciences to 238 from 121, Technology to 730 from 583.

One-day seminars are also attracting more at Niagara this year, 301 in comparison to 274 last year.

Community Education classes, which are non-credit interest courses, have increased to 741 from 711.

The only course showing a decrease is Retraining, English as a Second Language, in which enrolment dropped to 53 from 82.

These figures do not include Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) courses, whose figures are recorded on a year-round basis. As of Oct. 30, 1,054 students were enrolled in TIBI courses.

Storm leaves circus at sea

By INEKE VAN DOORN

The downstairs lounge at the Palmwood Hotel, Crystal Beach, "Circus by the Sea," was just that on Nov. 10. Havoc and extensive damages resulted from a storm whipping Lake Erie with winds up to 50 mph.

Large waves and rising water pounded the walls of the hotel, located on the lake shore. The pressure of the waves forced the outside wall of the hotel to collapse. Without support, the floor of the upstairs lounge sagged.

A patron in the upstairs lounge, Gary Spear, of Fort Erie, said waves about 20 feet high were crashing against the walls and windows continuously, finally breaking the windows.

"The water came right across the dance floor," he said.

Power in the hotel was cut off at 4.10 p.m. as the water in the downstairs lounge rose. The wall collapsed at 6 p.m. Water completely filled the room.

John Lynn, spokesman for the hotel, estimated damage at $75,000.

History course 'alive and well,' says college instructor Blazetich

By ROB POTTER

At most Ontario community colleges, teaching history courses may be a small or even non-existent job. For many history is just part of their humanities course.

But at Niagara College history is "alive and well," according to George Blazetich, chairman of Niagara's liberal studies division.

The difference between Niagara and the others, says Mr. Blazetich, lies in methodology.

He feels Niagara's history courses are popular because pure history — not humanities — is taught and the courses take the form of lectures instead of discussion groups, as many others do.

A teacher at Niagara since 1969, Mr. Blazetich has seen history courses here grow from being unpopular general humanities courses.

The present popularity of Niagara's pure history courses is a source of pride to him.

"When I tell other schools that we have popular, pure history courses at Niagara they just can't believe it," he said in an interview.

"We believe the right methodology can appeal to the students. Other colleges don't seem to feel college students can learn from lectures. I've been teaching in lectures for six years now and I've had great success with my courses."

History a grabbag

Teaching history as part of humanities results in a grabbag of history, poetry, philosophy and politics which brings a negative attitude from the students, Mr. Blazetich believes.

Once history is established, as he feels it has been at Niagara, as being interesting, valuable and exciting to the students, they will learn through lectures.

About 425 students are enrolled in Niagara College history courses including electives, modern history and the history of western civilization.

Mr. Blazetich's methodology is many-fold and he says "it works fine."

Students don't want to and don't need to know all the details of history-they're boring. They can find dates and places in the resource centre if they want to know them."

As an example of this method he cites the case of Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany, part of his modern history course taught to Radio-Television and journalism students.

"How Hitler took power, why Hitler took power and the implications of Hitler's power, those are the important things. The details of all the political bungling during Hitler's rise are unimportant. The students only have to know that they happened."

Mr. Blazetich says he is an "intellectual" historian-that is, a student of the history of ideas and concepts, involved in the events he is teaching.

Entertaining students

He says Walter Cronkite, anchorman for CBS television news, is not only a "super newsman" but a "better historian than I am."

He says Cronkite is a political scientest and this is the reason for his understanding of new events. Without his understanding of historical concepts Cronkite would be just like any other newsman.

He says students also should understand these concepts so that they will be able to analyze events rather than details. His intention is to teach "a mind set (frame of reference.)"

A teacher must "concentrate on blocks of important material — turn the students on. The instructor should motivate the student to a love for a discipline that the student was either indifferent to or hated before.

Once the instructor has done this, according to Mr. Blazetich, then he has done his job; then the student really understands history.

Mr. Blazetich feels an important part of teaching is to entertain his students in the classroom; "After all, anybody can obtain facts: presenting them properly is the secret."

In addition an instructor should love the work he or she is doing and the students should be able to detect this.

"My students know I don't treat them as inferiors in anything except their knowledge of history. I've never treated them as anything but equals," he said. "I teach, they learn; but there is no father— child type of relationship.

System too loose

Himself a holder of Honors Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from MacMaster University and a diploma in Education from the University of Toronto, Mr. Blazetich feels Canada's educational system has become too loose.

"Education is the only business in North America where the customer can't get his money back if he's not satisfied," he said. "Our standards are too low. I think the students shuld get more for their money."

The problem is that students don't realize they've been "ripped-ed off" until they're in their 30s.

He says the tightening—up should start in the high schools,

GEORGE A. BLAZETICH

where more English, history, foreign languages and (to a certain extent) mathematics should be taught to more students.

He says the loosening up in the educational system began in the 1960s when it was thought students would dislike the structured type of classes.

Rap-sessions

Now he says, many classes have become "rap-sessions," which he considers useless to the students unless every member of the discussion group comes heavily prepared.

"Otherwise," he said, "it becomes just an exchange of outdated ideas."

"It's nonsense to say that students can't learn in a lecture situation. They can if it's done right."

And, as Mr. Blazetich adds: "If advertisers can sell Ajax, I can sell Hitler; if they can sell panty-hose, I can sell Rasputin."

Advertising survey shows students favor ads

Sixty-two per cent of Niagara College students think advertising is "usually honest", according to a survey by an introduction to marketing class done in early October.

The survey, in questionnnaire form, asked opinions and attitudes ranging from entertainment value to honesty in advertising.

On the honesty question, 27 per cent of the 198 who answered said "advertising is dishonest" in too many examples and 11 per cent said it was "usually dishonest".

On another question, 65 per cent felt advertising "can influence the consumer if the ad is interesting or of some value to the consumer" and 10 per cent felt "it had very little effect on the consumer's buying activities".

Sixty-nine per cent of the respondents felt advertising was an "essential aid to marketing" while only 10 per cent answered to the contrary.

Fifty-one per cent of the answers said eliminating advertising would "reduce prices of goods and services" but 66 per cent said they "occasionally rely on advertising when buying a product or service".

Regarding entertainment value in advertising, most respondents felt advertising was "sometimes informative and entertaining" and only four per cent thought it was "annoying and offensive" in newspapers, radio, television and magazines.

Bob Young, Niagara advertising instructor, said the survey was mainly of Niagara students, although some Brock University students were involved.

'Key' to Rick Hoover's problem found

The trials of Richard Hoover getting around campus are over.

Richard, a first-year drafting student confined to a wheelchair, has been given a key to the television studio one hallway entrance. A wooden ramp has also been installed.

Most of Richard's classes are held in the Voyageur block. While the building has been designed to accomodate wheelchairs, it is a long, tiring route over the bridge and down the ramps.

The new route through the TV area "saves me a lot of time and effort," said Richard. It means a few extra minutes at home in the morning and a faster exit at night.

For the first time, Richard is able to attend machine shop classes in the MacKenzie building. He drives back and forth from Voyageur. Richard also drives to math classes in one of the portables.

Richard said the new ramp will solve all his winter weather problems. "When your fingers do the walking," it's hard to push a wheelchair in numbing cold."

Kids enthralled with Ali Baba and thieves

By CAROL McKNIGHT

They marched in long lines of twos but once inside the lines were lost. Teachers tried to keep the chatter of school children down but it was almost impossible.

All day it seemed the children had been waiting for this afternoon. All day! Now at last, they were going to see Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves done by Niagara College theatre arts students.

It was Nov. 17 and the opening performance. Tumbling mats were set on the floor in front of the stage for those who could not find a seat in the stands. Teachers marched between the students telling them to be quiet, to make room for other students still to come — but it was useless. The voices of small children filled the entire theatre centre.

For a few seconds there was silence. All eyes were glued to the stage as they waited, impatient, excited. And then the laughter began again, as two of the characters entered.

After what seemed like forever, the lights were dimmed. Even before the performance began small hands of children went together again and again, applauding what was still to come.Those who could, whistled with fingers in their mouths. Others cheered and the worried looks that had been on teachers' faces began to melt away.

"Where's Ali Baba?" one child whispered and another answered, "Be quiet and wait.!"

Eyes lit up as beautiful dancing girls dressed in sparkling Arabian gowns came onto the stage. The audience cheered lustily as the 40 thieves scrambled, stumbled onto the stage.

All gazed mystified by the smoke and thunder caused when the cave was opened first by the leaders of the thieves and then by Ali Baba. Mouths curved upward into large grins, eyes danced with fascination as the set was changed under a strobe light.

The children were one of the best audiences the theatre arts students had ever preformed before. The laughter and applause offered by the young students died down only when covered by their amazement.

Design, build own sets

Set construction for the theatre arts production of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves was not a simple matter; carpentry was used as an artistic tool to help create the Arabian mood for the children's theatre production, says set designer Tayie Abdel-Rehem.

The set is made of six-inch styrofoam, burned on one side and painted brown to give the impression of stone. This gives the audience a view of Ali Baba's mysterious cave.

The styrofoam cave was then placed on a frame which was put on wheels. The back of the frame was covered and painted to appear to be an Arabian palace, Ali Baba's to be exact. Also in the palace set is a fountain, spouting real water.

Mr. Abdel-Rehem said the set is full of warm colors, for the children, and although the set is not as complete as some, it does come to life with the help of a little person's imagination.

Unlike most productions which handle set changes in total darkness, set changes in Ali Baba are done under a strobe light. As it is a children's production, Mr. Abdel-Rehem said it was important that all parts of the play be fun for its young audience. For this reason, the set changes are highly disciplined, organized and choreographed, to enhance the audience's enjoyment.

Mr. Abdel-Rehem also said the sets for Ali Baba were a good learning experience for his students, as they learned more about the complexity of set construction and design. They also combined three different techniques of scenic painting: stylized, abstract, and realism.

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves which ran from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22 is to be presented in St. Catharines in December.

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Bassi may make changes

Knights winless last three games

The Niagara Knights hockey team suffered its third consecutive game without a win on Nov. 15 losing to Fanshawe 8-6 at the Welland arena.

After winning the home opener, the Knights managed a 4-4 tie with Fanshawe in London. The Knights were beaten soundly 10-4 by the powerful St. Clair Saints in Windsor.

The Knights are in third place in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) standings with a 1-2-1 record behind St. Clair and Fanshawe.

Following the Knights' winless streak, coach Fred Bassi planned changes in his squad.

"I'm not completely pleased so far," he said."We lost three points to Fanshawe that we should have had because we're better than them. I'm going to make some changes and we should improve."

Niagara's home game against Fanshawe was a wide open affair that saw 14 goals elude the goaltenders. The Knights trailed by two goals after the first period, down 4-2. Fanshawe jumped into a 3-0 lead before Bill Brown replied for the Knights. Ten seconds after Brown's goal Max Wiltsie scored for Fanshawe to regain the three-goal lead. Niagara's Doug Ness narrowed the gap to two goals to close out first period scoring.

The Knights were flying in the second period, outscoring Fanshawe 4-1 to lead 6-5 going into the third period. Bill Brown and Doug Ness each got their second goals in the second.

Just as the Knights were flying in the second period, Fanshawe was flying in the third. They scored three unanswered goals to skate off with an 8-6 victory and nail down second place in the OCAA.

In Niagara's home opener Pat Flynn and Bob Tysen led the attack but it was Bill Brown and Doug Ness that came up big for the Knights this time out.

Niagara got two goals from Ness and Brown and singles from Paul Kraholec and John Latinovich.

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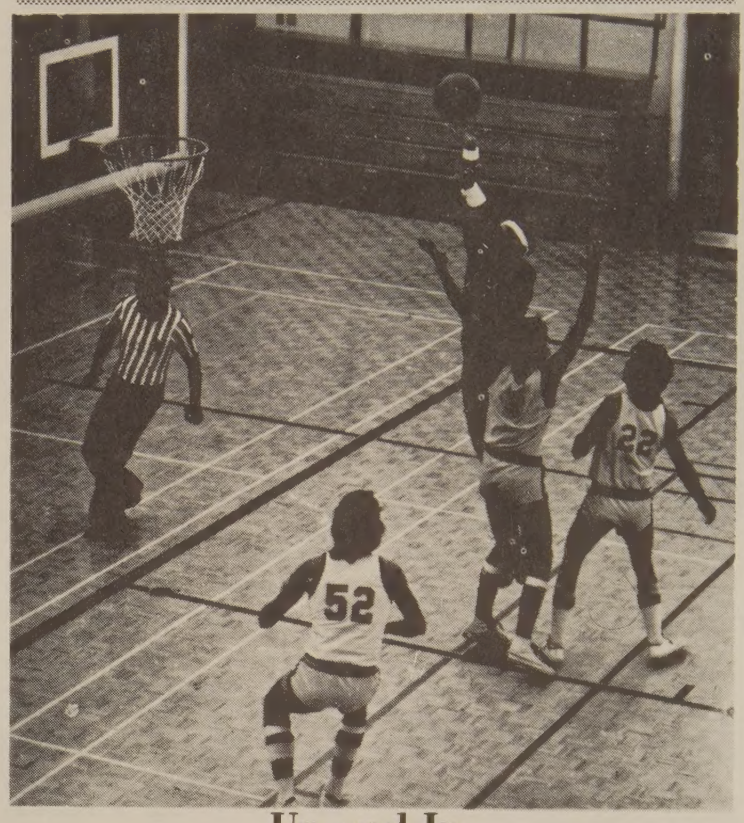

Up and In

Curtis Tillman of Bryant and Stratton Tigers sinks a jumper as Wayne Wiese, 52, Tom Boese, 3, and Mike Soucie, 22, of Niagara College try to defend. The Tigers beat the Knights 107-56 in a game played on Open House day. (Photo by Radunsky)

Knights rally falls short in bid to upset Mohawk

The basketball Knights gave Mohawk a scare, but just couldn't quite pull off what would have been the biggest upset of the year, losing 88-78.

After trailing 60-40 in the second half, the Knights came back to within five points with 2½ minutes to play. But the Mohawk team went into a four-corner ball control offense and the Knights were forced to foul to get the ball back.

And that's where the game was lost — at the charity stripe. Mohawk were good on 22 of 27 free throws, while Niagara had only eight chances, making good on all of them.

In what Coach Peter Rylander called a "dandy game," Brian Johnson lead Niagara's scorers with 20 points while Wayne Wiese and Mike Soucie netted 15 each. Coach Rylander singled out Wiese and Soucie as having exceptionally fine games.

For Mohawk, Jim Stephenson lead all scorers with 28 and Mike Sharp added 20.

Cagers performance improving

The Niagara Knights basketball record has dropped to one win against five losses. However, at least two of the last four losses have shown the Knights to be improving.

George Brown of Toronto, the perennial powerhouse of the community college basketball league, were trailing the Knights 22-19 in the first half of their game, Nov. 14. Then, the Knights went "dead," as coach Peter Rylander put it, and were outscored 26-7 in a six-minute stretch. Final score: George Brown, 100-Niagara, 74.

The same thing happened in Windsor when the Knights played St. Clair Nov. 8. The two teams were tied 32-32 at the half. But the Knights went "dead" again and were outscored 18-0 in seven minutes. This turned out to be the margin of defeat for the Knights as the final score was 86-68.

However, in games against Mohawk and Bryant and Stratton, the Knights were never in the running. They were run off the court Nov. 6 by Mohawk, 111-67, and thumped soundly by the Buffalo team, 107-56.

Coach Rylander called the Nov. 16 loss to Bryant and Stratton his team's worst effort of the season. "No one came to play basketball," he said.

Fail to win first four, ladies play tough teams

Niagara College Ladies Basketball team dropped another game Tuesday Nov. 17, this time to Mohawk College, Hamilton. This is the fourth game they have played and the fourth one they have lost. The score of the game was 51-39 for Mohawk.

Diana Schoen and Doris Sukuris were high scorers for the game, each managing to sink 15 baskets.

Diana Schoen, captain of the team said she expects the team's future to be a bit brighter than its past.

"We're working as a team now. Except for two, we are all new. Not new at the game but we had to get use to each other."

Diana said until now the teams they have played against have been some of the hardest teams in the league.

At the first game, against Sheridan College, Oakville, seven of the nine players were able to make it. At one point, Niagara was leading by seven baskets but three of the players were fouled out, leaving only four to play the remainder of the game. The final score for that game was 46-36 for Sheridan.

"We've never had all nine at a game so we've been playing most of the time without any rests," said Diana.

The second and third games were defeats for the Knights, as they lost to George Brown College, Toronto, 81-54, and to St. Clair College, Windsor, 81-31.

One of the disappointing things at the games, said Diana, are the lack of spectators. "It really means a lot to the players."She said right now the most spectators the team has had is about 20 and they were all boys from the men's basketballl team.

The next game will be on Dec. 3 at Niagara. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Amateur hockey violence linked to pros: McMurtry

By DAVE KINDY

Roy McMurtry, Ontario attorney general and the man who cracked down on violence in hockey, says hockey violence stems from too liberal rules and the example set by professional players.

Mr. McMurtry was interviewed when he visited Niagara College Nov. 19 for the provincial cabinet meeting.

But Ron Cotnam, president of the Merritton Athletic Association in St. Catharines, an organization with a hockey program for the age group eight to 18, does not agree with Mr. McMurtry. In a telephone interview, he cited the attitude of the fans as the major cause of hockey violence.

The Ontario government has taken a strong stand in the belief that violence on the amateur level is linked to the example professional players set for the youngsters. Last year, Mr. McMurtry's brother, William, a Toronto lawyer, was commissioned by the province to investigate violence in amateur hockey. In the report to the ministry of community and social services, he listed seven causes, the foremost being the example set by the professional hockey players.

This year, the newly appointed attorney general has began laying criminal charges against hockey players for assault.

"A number of parents with children playing hockey are just terrified," Mr. McMurtry said at the college. "They are afraid that their children will come off the ice with a serious injury. Many are trying to persuade their kids from playing hockey.

"I've been involved as a spectator for quite a while. I have three sons playing hockey so I've spent a lot of time at arenas. I've seen the situation deteriorate.

"My sons playing hockey are aged eight, 13 and 16. My 16-year-old is not playing much hockey any more, however. He plays a lot of basketball. I think he realizes what's happening to hockey."

Mr. McMurtry said he would like to see rule revisions in the professional and amateur levels. He said that much of the violence displayed on the ice can be traced to the liberalness of the ruling structure.

"I've played hockey," he said. "I've also played football and English rugby, two rougher sports in my mind. There is a lot of physical play and body contact but you don't see the fighting and the violence as displayed in hockey.

"Their rules are more strict. Their rule structuring is much more civilized and intelligent. If players fight, they are ejected from the game. I would like to see rule changes in hockey that would bring about a game expulsion for fighting or a deliberate attempt to injure."

Mr. Cotnam does not go along with the belief that professional hockey has set a bad example and contends that it is just as violent now as it was when he watched it as a boy. The real cause of the violence, he says, is the pressure by the fans.

"The fans are responsible," he said. "When a game gets out of hand, it's usually caused by the fans. It's readily apparent on the amateur level, from midget on up, where most fans are parents and friends of the players.

"I would say that only 20 per cent of the fans that go to hockey games go to actually watch the game. The other 80 per cent go to watch the fights and the rough play. It's this that causes the problem."

An example of fan-induced violence, said Mr. Cotnam, is the recent Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) game between St. Catharines and London. During the game, played in London, fans harassed the St. Catharines players and coach which led to fighting among the fans and players. The attorney general's office has laid charges against several players.

"During the game, there was a fight on the ice," Mr. Cotnam said. "The St. Catharines player was going to the penalty box when a fan threw a cup of hot coffee at him. The other players went over to help their teammate and fighting broke out.

"The coach had to call his players off the ice to the dressing room to calm them down. He got them all quieted down and they went back on the ice to finish the game and the fans went after him.

"There were several OHA officials at the game and they ruled that the boys were not at fault and in no way responsible for what happened. The fans were at fault.

"McMurtry knows the names of the 16 boys who were playing hockey that night and he's all set to deal with them. What he doesn't know are the names of the 4,000 fans that were in the arena."

Mr. Cotnam also gave another example. In one game, he said, a player left the penalty box too soon.

"The penalty keeper told the referee what happened so another penalty was tacked on. This is the penalty keeper's job. After the game, he was leaving the arena and he was challenged to a fight by a fan."

Mr. Cotnam feels that the attorney general's office should be more concerned with fan disruption.

To this argument, Mr. McMurtry has answered that he would prosecute fans if they were caught but control rests with the individual arenas. If the fans get out of hand, the arenas should increase their security, he said.

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George M. Blazetich has files, pictures following 50 years of collecting

By DAVE KINDY

George M. Blazetich, master statistician, has the most comprehensive file of anyone on Niagara College. And on the Mackenzie pipeline, and the Team Canada-Russia series, and the St. Catharines YMCA, and Ellis Morningstar, and just about anything else imaginable.

Mr. Blazetich, father of Niagara College's chairman of the liberal studies division, George A. Blazetich, collects news articles as a hobby.

He doesn't collect just one article, however. Once he starts on a particular subject, he collects everything printed about it and makes up a file. He has been doing this on a regular basis for 50 years.

Literally, hundreds of thousands of articles lie pressed between the pages of scrapbooks and manila folders stashed away in cardboard boxes, shelves or a filing cabinet. He is also an expert photographer and has saved every negative he made. This file totales 10,000.

His articles and negatives are set up in an elaborate and expansive filing system. All set up by a man who hates filing.

"I hate filing," said Mr. Blazetich. "It's a very critical job. But I have to do it. If something is filed away improperly, then it's lost forever.

"Filing is even part of my job at work. I'm a safety supervisor at Stelco. If an accident occurs, then I'm responsible for filing the report."

Mention anything

Hate filing he may, but he has set up a system whereby he can pluck out a subject in seconds. Mention anything he has made a file of and he can have it out in the wink of an eye.

"Name anything at all," he told me. "If I've made a file of it, I'll have it out in no time."

Before I could answer, he was over to a shelf pulling out a scrapbook marked World Series:-1960.

"You like baseball?" he asked. "Look at this. The 1960 World Series. I used to go to everyone."

The scrapbook was filled with news articles, pictures, ticket stubs and autographs—all in chronological order.

Mr. Blazetich does his clipping and saving in a little room he calls his workshop in the basement of his Welland home, which is just a few minutes from the college. He has spent countless hours in there over the years. The room is filled with more than a hundred scrapbooks and a filing cabinet filled with folders of subjects from A to Z.

George M. Blazetich

College scrapbook

Mr. Blazetich has a big, very complete file on Niagara College. It consists of three scrapbooks — two full regular sized and one the size of a wall—paper sample—book, which is only half full. It covers everything about Niagara College from its inception to the present.

The articles show the sod turning and the first proposed model of the college, a huge complex with a 12 story tower in the middle of it. It also shows pictures of many almost unrecognizable teachers of the college, complete with short hair, clean—shaven faces and clothing of the times. There is even a picture of a proud A.S. Manera, college president, holding his new—born child. Also in the scrapbook is the first receipt for payment of tuition issued by the school.

"The first receipt for tuition by the college," he said, pointing at a handwritten numeral in the corner of the bill. "It's made out to Robin Brown. He was working at Stelco at the time the college opened and he knew me. that's how I got it. He was the first one to pay his tuition."

Mr. Blazetich has a file on just about everything. One is a complete dossier of articles on Ellis Morningstar, the former MPP for Welland. Everything from campaigns to victory celebrations to parliamentary decisions. One picture shows a very young and thin Mr. Morningstar standing with his Welland baseball team during a time when his dreams were of major league baseball and not politics.

Travelling files

Mr. Blazetich also keeps files on his travels. Trips to Japan and Montreal for expositions and to Moscow for the first Team Canada-Russia series are subjects of rather large scrapbooks. In them are the newspaper accounts of the events and othe mementos, such a maps, pictures and programs.

Looking at the immense files, one is overcome with amazement when he learns that Mr. Blazetich had done things other than just collecting press clippings.

Pitched semi-pro

"I pitched semi-pro baseball for 25 years," he said. "I've got baseballs, autographed by players and friends, for every year I played. Two of them are autographed by Jack Adams, president of the NHL Detroit Red Wings, and Sal Maglie, who was a teammate of mine before playing major league ball.

"When I think back to my baseball days, I can't figure out how I kept all these files," he said. "I travelled aroung quite a bit in those days and I'm surprised I've kept all this."

To play baseball for 25 years would have to take great love of the sport. That's exactly what Mr. Blazetich has. In fact, it goes for all sports.

Sports historian

This love has carried over to his scrapbooks. He had a very comprehensive file on early local sports and is considered one of the foremost historians on the subject. This scrapbook is filled with articles dating back to before the turn of the century on sporting events of the time.

"When Welland was celebrating its centennial a few years ago, I was asked to write a short article on early Welland sports," he said. "It was for a book on the history of the town and they asked me to write just a page on it. I told them there was no way it could be done and we had a big argument about it. I won out in the end and they printed a nine-page article, which was basically all facts."

Mr. Blazetich is getting tired and will be retiring soon. From work, that is, not scrapbooks.

Kindy gives locker to Cindy

Thanks to the generosity of a second-year journalism student, Cindy Pirrie finally got her own locker Nov. 17

Dave Kindy, intrepid boy reporter for the Niagara News, decided not to use the locker he's had since September and offered it to Cindy.

Cindy greeted the news with an exuberant "Whee" and ran out of the Fashion Arts studio to take possession.

Three weeks ago a petition which Cindy started, resulted in 57 more lockers for students in the Simcoe Building. Due to a mild illness, she wasn't here to claim one. She had put her name on one but it was taken by Tim Welychka, a law and security student, who refused to vacate.

The matter floated through the halls of power, reaching A.S. Aboud, director of student services. In a memorandum to I.J. Giancarlo, dean of Applied Arts, dated Nov. 12, 1975, Mr. Aboud sided with Welychka saying, "Since a lock is the recognized indication of occupancy, I do not believe that he has done anything improper."

Abandoned by the administration Cindy was forced to share a locker on the first floor with another fashion arts student until Mr. Kindy came through and offered her his locker just outside the Niagara newsroom.

Co-ordinator appointed for women's studies

Phyllis Whitfield, recently appointed women's program co-ordinator for Ontario colleges of applied arts and technology says she would like to see all of Ontario's community colleges share their knowledge of women's studies courses in the hope that some of the schools with smaller and non-existent women's studies programs would benefit.

In a telephone interview with the Niagara News, Mrs. Whitfield said she had no intention, at this point, to go into the colleges and set up new programs. She said she planned to visit all the colleges "in the near future" to talk to the presidents or the governors of the schools, and to discuss women's studies with the personnel already involved with women's programs.

In her conversation with these personnel, Mrs. Whitfield will find out what they've been doing with their programs and what they want to do.

Mrs. Whitfield said she has not as yet made any specific plans about Niagara, as she is still in the process of contacting all the province's colleges.

Welcomes appointment

Although she welcomes the appointment of a women's program coordinator, Gail Hilyer has reservations about that position as it stands now.

Mrs. Hilyer, chairperson, extension division, School of Applied Arts, said she feels there are several unanswered questions about the appointment of Phyllis Whitfield as the Ontario colleges women's program co-ordinator.

Unless Mrs. Whitfield "is full-time, budgeted and has the power to assist the colleges," Mrs. Hilyer said, "her appointment is little more than a response to some pressure" and it will "not have any real impact."

Mrs. Hilyer also said that to the best of her knowledge, Mrs. Whitfield has no experience in the field of women's studies.

Sixth annual Xmas dinner on Dec. 12

The Hospitality Club will hold its sixth annual Christmas Banquet on Friday, Dec. 12 at the Sheraton Foxhead Inn in Niagara Falls.

This year a hot and cold buffet is planned. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the buffet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A dance will follow from 9p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Christmas Banquet is an opportunity for the students to show off skills to their parents and friends, according to John Candeloro, Hospitality Club president.

Students will be preparing all drinks and dishes. The only exception will be a few French pastries for the dessert table, brought in from a local bakery to save time

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ESL conference at N/C first for Niagara region

The first English as a Second Language (ESL) conference in the Niagara region, was held at Niagara College early this month.

The conference, organized by Andrew Newbery of the school of retraining, attracted 42 teachers from the Niagara region. Teachers came from Hamilton to London for the one-day conference.

"The conference was very successful and useful for all those who attended," Mr. Newbery said.

Speakers from throughout the province also attended. Guest speakers included; Andrew Wilson, president of the Teachers of English as a Second Language Association of Ontario; Heather Irwin, North York Board of Education; Nick Ebson, York University; Helen Lenskyj, ministry of culture and recreation and Dr. Carlos Yorio of the university of Toronto.

Mr. Wilson spoke to the group on methodology for teaching adults while Mrs. Irwin discussed teaching at the elementary and secondary levels and Mrs. Lenskyj dealt with teaching the three to five-year old child. Mr. Ebson spoke about the materials and resources development in teaching English. Dr. Yorio conducted workshops and offered various teaching methods.

Niagara's faculty representatives, Elizabeth Simpson and Donald Comb, attended to develop teaching methods for their own use.

The conference also featured displays of available materials and a panel discussion involving representatives of five different ESL programs.

SAC plans carnival

Money and winter madness were the main discussions at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) meeting at the Niagara Falls campus on Nov. 12.

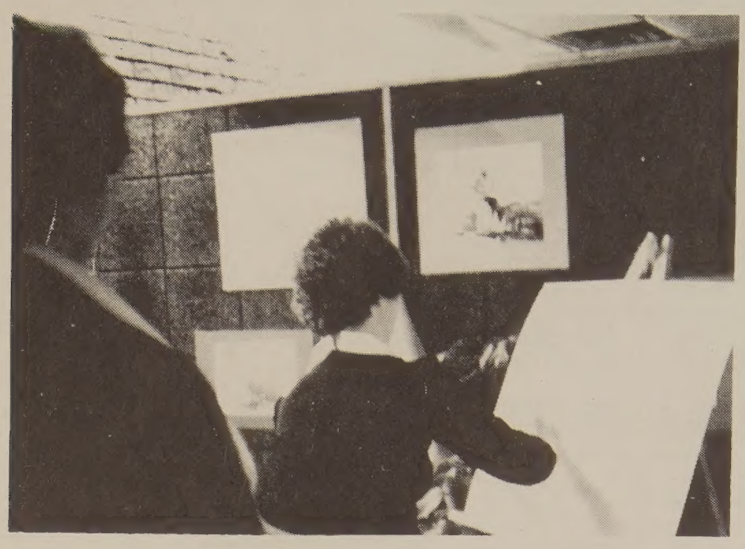
Advertising in the 1975 Student Orientation Booklet netted $610.75 for the SAC account.

Dennis Reeves, SAC president, met with the student council president at Brock University to discuss plans for a joint winter carnival.

The date and plans are not yet set. Three events have been suggested, war games, a carnival and dance. A joint concert with a name band was rejected because of cost.

Wally Winn, vice-president of athletics and Shelly Ward, vice-president of external affairs were fined $5 for non-attendance.

Niagara's Open House, 'one of best yet', attracts thousands to college to view displays



Interior Design student paints vase as practical exercise.

A "good crowd" attended Niagara College's 1975 Open House Nov. 16 and according to Ensign Security guards who directed parking during the day, it was one of the best years for Open House yet.

Myron Kukla, Niagara's information officer, said no official estimates were available and the security guards' estimates were "usually the best indicator" of attendance at Open House.

Mr. Kukla said he felt "the displays were really good and it was obvious a lot of hard work went into them."

He added that no major problems occurred and even the weatherman co-operated providing a sunny, mild day for the event. He said last year's Open House was hindered by snow.

As proof of the quality and interest in Open House, Mr. Kukla said this year's visitors "came earlier and stayed later. The crowds started filing in around 1:30 and there were still quite a few here at 5:30."

The Open House was to have ended at 5 p.m.

One of the highlights of the day was a lasagna luncheon in the cafeteria which Fred Bomers, cafeteria manager, said was attended by "between 100 and 120 people." Another 300 persons were served lunches in the cafeteria during the day.

Mr. Kukla said he received a lot of favorable comments from Open House visitors and one reason may have been the tours provided by the college— the first time the service has been available to visitors.

Niagara's extension division of the School of Applied Arts held a draw for three floral arrangements designed by Charles A. Grant, floral design and retailing instructor with the college's retraining school.

Winners of the arrangements were Marjorie Huck of Welland, M.C. Lindberg from Niagara Falls and Mary Chiborak of St. Catharines.

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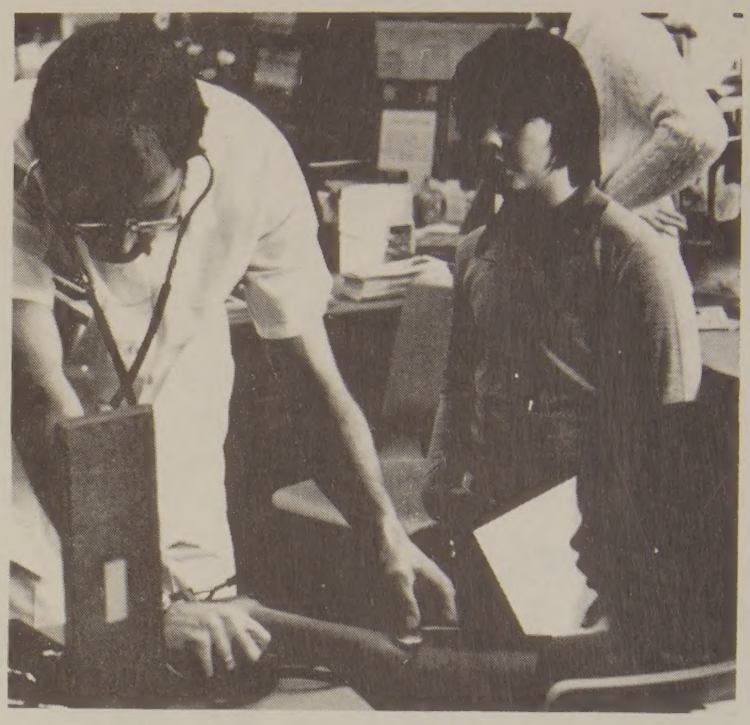
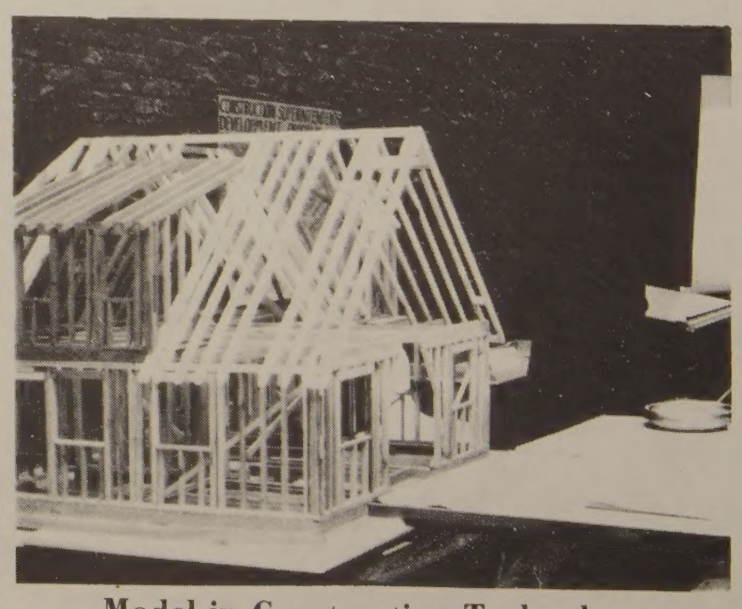


Young visitors watch blood pressure equipment in use.

Visitors watch computer operator on latest equipment.

Pet in day care centre gets attention from young visitor.

Retraining students show skills in cake decorating.



Model in Construction Technology illustrates house framing.

Cast of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves pose for photographers

Bay Stores' promotions manager addresses marketing students

Jim Agnew, sales promotion manager of the Bay department stores, spoke to marketing students on Nov. 7 at Niagara College.

Mr. Agnew presented a 20-minute film, "Selling of a New Store," which dealt with the Bay store that opened at Bloor and Yonge Streets in Toronto last year. The film, two years to produce, illustrated all aspects of marketing that are essential to open a store.

Mr. Agnew also told the students of the Bay's involvement in the selling of furs, cigarette brands in Canada

Asked if the Bay had any plans to expand into the St. Catharines-Niagara Falls area, Mr. Agnew replied, "I'm sorry I can't specifically answer that but I can tell you we are looking at Western Ontario and its possibilities."

He also said, "The Bay owns 49 per cent of Robinson's department store and we have an agreement with them that they won't expand into markets the Bay are looking into."

Mr. Agnew also told the students of the Bay's involvement in the selling of furs, cigarettes and liquor across Canada. The Bay are wholesalers for all cigarette brands in Canada and gross about $400 million in this industry.

Missionaries return, N/C student on hand

After eight months in a prison camp in North Vietnam, Norman and Joan Johnson, a missionary couple from Hamilton, arrived home safely earlier this month.

Noah Farrell, radio and TV student, is the nephew of the missionaries and was one of the first to welcome his aunt and uncle home.

"Everybody was just in tears," he said. "It was really an emotional meetng."

The missionary couple were captured early last March when North Vietnam took over South Vietnam. They were living in Bambehouit, the first city to be taken over by the north.

"It was hard to believe at first," said Noah, speaking of his first reactions to the news of the capture of his aunt and uncle."We didn't really think that they would be returning," he said.

The Johnsons were ending up a four-year service term in Vietnam when the take over by the North Vietnamese happened. Their term was suppose to have ended in June but unfortunately they were captured before they were able to escape. Their children had left the country just before the take—over.

When reports of the take over came, the Johnsons were forced to leave their own home for better protection at a neighbor's. For a day-and-a-half, they hid in a small bunker, similar to a fruit cellar, beneath the house, until they were found by North Vietnamese soldiers.

They were then taken to a jungle prison camp where they remained for a month-and-a-half until Mr. Johnson contracted malaria. Because of his sickness the couple were moved to another camp at the edge of the jungle, and then onto another one in North Vietnam.

During their stay in the prison camps, Noah said although there were threats on their lives, they were not once mistreated or abused. The only difficutly they did have was finding food. For months their diet consisted of little more than grass and leaves of small bushes.

When they were captured, Noah said the Johnsons were united with other missionaries who had been serving in the country and, like them, had been unable to escape before the take over. Money they had managed to gather before being captured was pooled, and in the last two or three months of their stay, they were entitled to go to market and buy fruits and vegtables.

While they were in the prison camps, Noah, they were questioned frequently by prison officials. Unlike American prisoners, they were not separated when questioned. He said prison officials thought they were members of the CIA, yet could not understand why they did not associate with or contact any of the American prisoners.

One of the most difficult things they had to handle, said Noah, were their own feelings of being deserted by their country. Prison officials were continually telling them that Canada did not care what happened to them, that they didn't even know or care if they were still alive.

Along with the Johnson children and Mr. Johnson's mother, Noah was allowed onto the jet shortly after its arrival at Toronto airport. A press conference was later held in the airport, with more than 200 friends and relatives there, as well as news reporters and photographers.

Noah said that even after all they had gone through, both his aunt and uncle liked Vietnam and would like to go back someday.

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moment we seem to think it's a postal strike."

Saying that no government disaster relief funds were forthcoming for these people, she said, "If this province can have a bi-monthly lottery to give money to weak-ankled hockey players, weak-kneed budding ballerinas and blue-footed grape stompers, surely we can have a 'Gloom and Doom' fund to cover such emergencies as violent Great Lakes storms."

Referring to an item brought up earlier in the meeting in a brief from the city of Thorold, Mrs. Moggridge said, "When I heard about the Municipal Pound program(a reference to the Humane Society), I thought we were going to help England."

In a more serious vein, the cabinet heard three briefs from the Niagara Regional government dealing with transit systems, both public and private in the Niagara region, regional planning and agricultural land and a request for an update study of the assessment factors for the municipalities in the region.

The city of Welland's submission asked for co-operation from the provincial government with the city to establish a park along the Old Welland Canal and revamp the procedures by which property seized by the city for overdue taxes is financially supported until it is sold at a public auction. The city wants to change the procedure to allow the city to add the costs incurred between seizure and sale to the buyer's bill.

The Niagara Grapevine group asked the cabinet to scrap the proposed highway 406 extension through a creek valley in St. Catharines and choice farmland because of its "extremely high cost and doubtful value."

Richard Bell appeared before the cabinet to protest the long and frustrating process involved when an individual tries to find out about local, regional and provincial land planning and zoning. Cabinet was sympathetic but felt Mr. Bell hadn't really stated his case clearly enough to make a definitive answer possible.

Mayor H. E. Costello of the town of Grimsby told the cabinet of an accident involving a carnival ride in May, 1975, and subsequent investigations by town authorities revealed that no set of safety regulations or inspections for these rides exist at any level of government.

Sidney Handleman, the minister of consumer and commercial relations, replied saying that the municipalities should inspect such rides instead of having the provincial government spend money to do it.

"I think we'd like to get out of the business of regulating the world, if we could," he said.

Premier Davis, Mr. McKeough and Rene Brunelle, minister without portfolio, handled most of the cabinet responses to the briefs. Two ministers conspicuously absent from the sessions were Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell and Education Minister Tom Wells. In both cases, the chairmen expressed their regrets and explained that they were detained by urgent business elsewhere.

Stray dog college mascot

The question is not what should SAC be doing with pub profits, or what should SAC be doing about informing the student body about its function, but rather, what should it name the stray dog which is hanging around the SAC trailer.

The canine in question has been staying around the Student Administrative Council (SAC) trailor for two weeks. SAC president Dennis Reeves says he would like to make the dog the college mascot, if its owner can't be found.

The animal is female, eight months old, part German Shepherd and part collie, and is very friendly. (it never leaves!)

Dennis said keeping the dog would be very little problem for the college and he is in the process of trying to find lumber to build the pup a house.

Only half jokingly, Dennis said SAC could keep the dog until it was full-grown and then it could earn its keep as a SAC house guard.

One problem facing the dog is where she will go when everyone is away for Christmas holidays. Dennis said he felt the dog would be better off in a home for this period.

Getting back to the christening of the dog, Dennis said it's a toss-up between 'Dawg" and "Dennis." Hmmmm.

Saying no to a rapist need not be fatal

Both men and women crowded into Room S309 to see the film, "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive" which was shown Thursday, Nov. 20.

The film pointed out that those reactions which may seem to be the most natural are also the most dangerous to the victim. For example, a weapon is effective for defence only if the victim knows how to use it and can get to it immediately—conditions which seldom apply.

The best weapon is using the body as a weapon by learning, knowing, and using the martial arts. But one problem here, the narrator said, is that many women do not bother taking the time to learn these skills.

Another don't stressed was screaming or struggling. While screaming may draw attention, the rapist, in an attempt to quiet the victim, may unintentionally smother or strangle her.

Struggling, too, may prove to be useless, for the average male is physically much more powerful than the average female.

Following the film, discusision leader Joy Kennedy said it would be difficult in Ontario for a woman to follow the film's advice.

"If you don't scream and show evidence of struggle in Ontario, you may end up losing your case—even though you have been raped," she said.

Very few rapists are ever convicted, she said. Pressure is put on the victim to admit she persuaded or lured him into committing the crime.

Because many women actually begin to feel as though they are guilty, or find it hard to rid themselves of negative emotions after being raped, a Rape Crisis Centre is being considered for the Niagara region.

V-ballers lose in tourney

If Niagara's volleyball Knights had held on to five-point lead against George Brown of Toronto they would have tied for the top five-team tournament held here Nov.15.

George Brown won the tournament with an 8-4 won-lost record, followed by Fanshawe of London at 7-5, Niagara and Centennial of Toronto tied for third with 6-6 records, and St. Clair of Windsor was last at 3-9.

Niagara was awarded third place as a result of their win over Centennial during the tournament.

Coach David Abraham noted that in the games against George Brown, Knights had a 9-4 lead in the deciding game of their three-game series, only to let it slip away and lose 15-9. If Niagara had won that game there would have been a three-way tie for first place among George Brown, Fanshawe and Niagara.

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as here is land they already own.

An added attraction to this location is a shopping plaza which is to be built nearby, he added, which would probably mean a bus system and therefore a method of transportation for the students.

A campus there would house the tourism, hotel and food service retraining program, plus provide for future expansion.